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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-29 and 67 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-29, 67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-29, 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over SMIL and MHEG-5 (both cited in the previous Office Action).

Regarding claim 1, SMIL teaches “In an extensible markup language document stored on a computer-readable memory medium, wherein said document comprises plural elements used in developing and executing a multimedia presentation by a computer, an [] element tag which is readable by the computer from the memory medium and which defines an [], comprising:
a parameter indicating a type of [] to be captured by the computer, wherein one or more child elements are associated to said [] element tag, and wherein upon capture of the specified [] the one or more child elements are processed (section 1. Specification Approach, the first sentence which discusses XML and refers to terms defined in XML 1.0).” Note that XML refers to extensible markup language. Note also that XML uses element tags to handle data.

These passages of SMIL do not teach “event” in the sense of the claim.

IEEE teaches “event (section MHEG-5 overview, the first paragraph which discusses event, action”) for the motivation of having easier user control (section MHEG-5 overview, the third paragraph which discusses user control and navigation features).

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine teachings of SMIL and IEEE for the motivation noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

Claims 1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 21, 24, 29 are independent claims.

Claims 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 29 deal with various attribute handlings. See IEEE, section Major MHEG-5 classes, the first paragraph, which discusses attributes in the context of events, actions, and objects.

Claims 21, 24 deal with various interpolate (indication of time and value changes over time). See SMIL, section 4.2 Synchronization Elements, which discusses indication of time and value changes over time. In particular, note the par element (parallel time handling) and the seq element (sequential time element).

Claims 2-4, 6-7, 11-15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-28 are dependent claims.

Claims 2-4 11-12, 15, 17-20, 22-23, 25-28 deal with various event handlings. See IEEE, section Major MHEG-5 classes, the first paragraph, which discusses attributes in the context of events, actions, and objects.

As noted in IEEE, MHEG-5 was especially created for such various event handlings because such features were particularly in demand at the time of the creation of MHEG-5.

Claims 6-7, 13-14 deal with various synchronization and time handlings. See SMIL, section 4.2 Synchronization Elements, which discusses indication of time and value changes over time. In particular, note the par element (parallel time handling) and the seq element (sequential time element).

As noted in SMIL, the SMIL specification (which is referred in the very title of this patent application) was specially created for such media handlings which necessarily involve such various synchronization and time handlings.

Regarding claim 67, this claim is computer-readable medium analog of claims 1-29. For the reasons noted in the rejections of claims 1-29, this claim 67 is not patentable.

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Patent Examiner
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